WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4020

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 25, 1992

Application of WDC SIGHTSEEING TOURS, INC., for a Certificate of Authority) -- Irregular Route Operations) Case No. AP-92-33

By application filed November 24, 1992, WDC Sightseeing Tours, Inc. (WDC), a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

WDC's application includes information regarding, among other things, its facilities, vehicle maintenance arrangements, driver training practices, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

WDC proposes to conduct a sightseeing service initially using four double-decker buses plus one spare. WDC's proposed tariff contains daily rates for individuals and groups, with reduced rates for children, students, and seniors, permitting boarding and alighting at eighteen itinerary points. The proposed tariff also contains a group charter rate.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a certificate of authority, the Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of WDC's application for a certificate of authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That WDC Sightseeing Tours, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Friday, November 27, 1992.
- 2. That WDC Sightseeing Tours, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than Friday, December 18, 1992, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

- 3. That any person wanting to protest the issuance of a certificate of authority to WDC Sightseeing Tours, Inc., shall do so in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on this matter, other than by protest, shall do so in writing, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), by filing such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, December 18, 1992, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's attorney, Philip N. Margolius, Esquire, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036.
- 4. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter shall request one in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b), by filing such request at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, December 18, 1992, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's attorney, Philip N. Margolius, Esquire, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director